

Ripped from the ROUNDUP

Ripped straight from the pages of old Space News Roundups, here's what happened at JSC on this date:

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Nicknamed “canned man,” a machine that breathes oxygen and exhales carbon dioxide is being developed to evaluate portable space life support systems, The Lockheed-California Company reported August 7.

The “canned man” test equipment will simulate human respiratory functions in testing back-mounted portable life support systems to be used by astronauts in Apollo space flights and moon landings. The test machine can also be hooked up to a pressure-suited man to provide life support while under the test.

The “canned man” bears little resemblance to either a human being or even a robot. It is a console-like piece of equipment seven feet tall, 10 feet wide, and three feet deep.

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An automated blood pressure monitoring system developed for the NASA Integrated Medical and Behavioral Laboratory Measurement System Program is being evaluated for use in studies on control of high blood pressure in human beings.

The system uses the blood pressure cuff, originally developed for IMBLMS, in conjunction with an automatic blood pressure monitoring system to obtain blood pressure measurements. The NASA-funded Southwest Research Institute, Biomedical Applications Team, San Antonio, recognized that the pressure ramp programmer used in the IMBLMS Program could be modified to provide continuous blood pressure monitoring.

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The Space Shuttle *Columbia* knifed through a haze of low fog Tuesday morning, ending a three-and-a-half year hiatus from flight and beginning a secret five-day Department of Defense mission.

As the last of the three shuttles to return to flight thundered smoothly into orbit from Kennedy Space Center's Pad 39B at 7:37 a.m. CDT, it carried a special distinction for the men and women of the Mission Control Center at JSC – the first flight controllers to fly aboard a shuttle.



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Apollo 30th anniversary commemorative Christmas ornaments like the one shown here presented to Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong are on sale for \$25 in the Exchange Stores in Bldgs. 3 and 11.

Making points with tickets

By Mary Peterson

Everybody likes to make points, right? Well, not always. Especially if they're points assessed because of traffic and parking violations at JSC. And they can add up quicker than the best excuses that Security hears, and that's a lot.

“Officer, I wasn’t speeding. I’m driving my wife’s car, and she’d kill me if I did that!” or “I couldn’t have been caught by your radar. I was driving in a whole pack of cars,” or “I don’t feel good, and I’ve been taking this medicine, and it was bothering me, and, well, I just couldn’t see the stop sign.” And, there’s always the old standby, “I was running late for a meeting.”

Well, prepare to run a little later for your meetings if you have to walk, because, speeding 15 mph or more over the speed limit on site will get you 10 points, which is an automatic revocation of driving privileges for a minimum of 15 days.

Depending on the violation, points are assessed in increments of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10. The most serious violations (those that will get you the most points) are operating a vehicle without a valid operator’s license or permit, current insurance, or proper registration; altering a decal or laminating a decal to use on another automobile; submitting false information regarding participation in a carpool; failure to remain and provide information at an accident scene not involving death or personal injury; and speeding 15 mph or more over the posted speed limit.

Even the most creative arguments likely won’t change the ticketing officer’s mind, because Security calibrates its radar guns daily to ensure accuracy. Moreover, they are used by a select group of inspectors who are specially trained and certified to Texas State standards. Some of the equipment is hand-held and used in Security vehicles, while the large radar device that flashes your speed for the entire world to see is placed variously around the center. The center’s recent emphasis on crosswalk safety has resulted in more security surveillance in the pedestrian zones, especially during the 20-mph time periods.

A frequently overlooked source of points comes from illegal parking, according to Cindy King, physical security specialist. “People get in a hurry and think they can park in almost any available space,” she said, “as long as they don’t see a ‘No Parking Allowed’ sign. That’s not true, because a substantial number of parking spaces on site are assigned. Sometimes employees think that a reserved space that hasn’t been used for a while is fair game. It isn’t, and they’re surprised when they’re penalized with ticket points.” An oft-heard lament is, “I parked in the reserved spot because it was the weekend/night, and I didn’t think they were reserved during non-duty hours.”

“The Security Office notifies JSC supervisors, or Facility Security Officers in the case of contractors, of all traffic citations issued to their assigned

employees, along with decisions rendered on administrative reviews and appeals. The supervisors and FSOs then take appropriate administrative or disciplinary action based on established policies and procedures,” said Dick McMinimy, group lead in Security Operations. “Anyone not satisfied with the results of an administrative review may then appeal the point assessment or suspension action to the JSC Traffic Appeals Board within two weeks from the date of the administrative review decision.”

The decision rendered by the TAB is binding on the JSC Security Branch. The point assessment process is designed to encourage proper driving behavior. Consequently, the TAB does not look favorably upon serious rule infractions, such as speeding in pedestrian zones. Most employees are not aware of the

TAB process until they are in danger of having their decal revoked, and then they may be reluctant to ask about it. Questions should be addressed to Cindy King at x33251.

The easiest thing to do is simply obey the rules. The size and complexity of the center, like any city, requires rules and regulations. They’re not there for the employees’ inconvenience – they’re in place for their protection. And they will be enforced.

For more information about the JSC Traffic Code or related matters, employees may contact the Customer Service Support Desk, Bldg. 110, or phone x37200. ■

“What do you do if you feel wrongly accused? Is there any recourse? Certainly there is. Just like municipal court, we have our own traffic appeals process.”

– Dick McMinimy

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